(viii) to discontinue lateral entry of CSS Officers into Central Scretariat Service (CSS) at the level of Under Secretary of CSS;

(ix) to allow only those Stenographers Grade 'C' who are graduates to participate in the Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for the Section Officers' Grade of CSS.

Assessment of Government Performance by NGOs

1977. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to engage NGOs and private sector to assess the performance of Union Government, Ministries and Departments; and

(b) whether NGOs and private sector assessment of Ministries' performance may have serious implications from national security angle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Under the Citizens' Charter Initiative, the Ministries/Department and Organizations are advised to consult and involve stakeholders including NGOs, Citizens' Groups, Resident Welfare Associations and other members of public who are availing various services offered by the Government agencies, while formulating and implementing the Charters.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

Fixed term for Secretaries

1978. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to give a fixed term of minimum two years for Secretaries of certain Ministries;

(b) if so, which are these Ministries and what is the justification of selecting them; and

(c) instead of giving a minimum fixed term of 2 years to Secretaries of some Ministries, whether Government consider introducing a scheme by